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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's a decision. I'm not going to support a 47 percent commitment, I want to support a 45 percent commitment. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wickersham a question that might lead me to ask another, and that in turn, et cetera. Senator Wickersham, would you indulge me?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mentioned...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: These aren't going to be hard questions are they?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh these are...these are cotton ball questions, not softball, they're even softer than that.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mentioned that you don't want increases...okay, let me back up. There can be an increase in how much a person has to pay in terms of property taxes, based on an increase in evaluation or an increase in the tax levy, right? If the evaluation of the property goes higher, then you pay more because of that increase, rather than...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh...only if the valuation of your property increases faster than...relative to other properties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Okay, but I meant we...those...those two issues or those two factors are what you were discussing.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, Senator, the way valuation increases work within the state aid formula is a little bit different than that. As local valuations increase faster than the rate that the needs of school districts grow, state aid would decrease and property taxes would increase.